

The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers

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North Louisiana Fly Fishers

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First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



June Monthly Meeting:

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Something Fishy is going on at the Little Mo....

The last few years there have been some consistent old “standby” flies that always caught trout at the Little Missouri River.

Those flies are starting to slow down.

New flies are emerging as the “go to” rig for catching fish on the Little Mo.

Come and hear Gordon Shaw lead a discussion on how he has found the fishing changing at the Little Missouri. Don’t worry, you can still catch fish. Reports of 60 and 70 fish days are not uncommon in recent weeks. What is uncommon is what they were biting on.

Gordon will not only reveal which fly he has found to be most effective, he will also tie the fly. Bring your tying equipment and tie one for yourself. The monthly meeting starts at 6 pm the 2nd Tuesday of the month . This month that is June 13th. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, come on out. It would be great to see you.

Cover Photo: *Dickie Turner catches a mess of bream at Refuge Lake Caroline*

Fly Tying at Bass Pro June 17th



Come on out to Bass Pro on June 17th at 10 am for a enjoyable morning of fly tying. If you are new to the art, come on out. We will provide you everything you need to tie your first fly. The club has vises, tools and materials for you to use. We also will provide you a one on one instructor.

If you are an experienced tyer, we would love to see your demonstrate your tying skills.

Purtis Creek Club Outing: Flies and Fleas

June 1, 2nd, 3rd and 4th



Purtis Creek Lake is one of the most delightful lakes you will ever fish. It is managed to perfection by Texas Wildlife and Fisheries.

Join your friends for Flies and Fleas. We fish a few days. Many attendees bring there spouses and attend the Canton Trade Days one afternoon.

It all adds up to a fun regional trip that will insure you feel a tug on the end of your fly line. For Info call Scott Irwin: 318-469-0854 or Steve Oliver: 318-349-6411

Fly Fishing 101 Class

We are offering a comprehensive class for folks that want a well rounded education of the sport of fly fishing. John Scarborough will lead Fly fishing 101. The course is two Saturdays and last about 3 hours each class (June 10th and 17th. Class starts at 9 am at Bass Pro). Attend this class and learn the proper names of parts of a fly rod and how to assemble a rod. Learn knots to tie. Wading safety and fly education will also be covered. The class will end with casting lessons by Mike Hawkins, a Certified Casting Instructor. Free to club members. If not a member join today for just \$30. Call John to register: 318-464-8569.

Recurrent Events:

Monthly Meetings

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Red River Refuge in the Conservation Conference Center at 6 PM.

Red River Refuge

150 Eagle Bend Point

Bossier City LA 71112

Monthly Fly Tying

Come Join us for a enjoyable morning of fly tying at Bass Pro in the White River Fly Shop. If you are new to fly tying this is a great place to start. We can provide you with a vise, tools and materials to tie your first few flies. We offer you one on one instruction. If you are an experienced fly tyer, come and demonstrate your skill. We always enjoy sharing new and different techniques and ways to tie new flies as well a proven fish catchers. If you are new and would like to tie, call Jamie Franklin at 318-707-5959. He will make sure we bring the club vises and tools for you to use. Sometimes the date changes so check the newsletter just in case the tying date is revised. We look forward to seeing you at Bass Pro at 10 AM the 3rd Saturday of each Month for fly tying adventures.

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.


The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters . We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 6 pm, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!

NLFF Roster

Name	Membership expiration	Phone
Jamie Franklin	12/31/2023	318-707-5959
Scott Irwin	12/31/2024	318-469-0854
Don Lawler	12/31/2023	318-510-2261
Joe Linder	12/31/2023	318-245-9385
Steve Oliver	12/31/2023	318-349-6411
Brett Rowell	12/31/2023	318-207-6097
Rex White	12/31/2026	318-294-7027
Rush Clay	12/31/2025	318-294-9272
Mike Hawking	12/31/2023	903-353-3357
Al Higgins	12/31/2023	318-507-8233
Jack Lamb	12/31/2025	
Ken Maher	12/31/2023	318-426-3750
Ardis Peace	12/31/2023	
Jim Roat	12/31/2023	318-344-2178
Randy Rogers	12/31/2023	318-422-5549
Dick Seal	12/31/2023	318-393-9893
Chuck Tiller	12/31/2023	318-465-1227
Chris Horsley	12/31/2023	
Dickie Turner	12/31/2023	318-469-9600
Lisa Doyle	12/31/2023	
Mark Chrisman	12/31/2024	318-393-4702
CL Bourn	12/31/2023	318-840-5064
Russ Rogers	12/31/2027	318-426-0834
Tom Hopkins	12/31/2023	318-347-6120
John Reisz	12/31/2024	318-560-5831
Alan Carter	12/31/2023	318-347-6076
Rick Fotenot	12/31/2025	318-455-9893
Tom Mee	12/31/2025	318-230-8697
Georgia Stephens	12/31/2023	318-401-0012
Jo Ann Woodard	12/31/2025	318-617-2912
John Scarborough	12/31/2025	318-464-8569
Matt Kendall	12/31/2023	318-603-2300
Bill Meaney	12/31/2023	318-426-7667

Don't see your name on our membership roster? Join today. We would love you as a member of the NLFF. The club is diverse. It revolves around fly fishing but also includes travel, regional fly fishing conventions, interaction with other fly fishing clubs, and plenty of "eating meetings" You can find a membership form on our website "Northlaflyfishers.org" or use the form below.



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Club Membership Form

Member Information*

Primary Member's Name: _____

DOB: _____

Other Active Member or Spouse: _____

DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FFI Member?: Yes or No (Circle One) Home Phone: _____

Fly Tyer? Yes or No (Circle One) Cell Phone: _____

Kayaker? Yes or No (Circle One) Other Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Wireless Carrier (Need to send texts): _____

*NOTE: All information is confidential and for the private use of the NLFF.

Membership Type (Check One)

☐ Family (\$35)
☐ 3-Yr Family (\$90)
☐ Individual (\$30)
☐ 3-Yr Individual (\$75)
☐ Student (\$20)
☐ Active Military (\$20)

A parent or parents along with their children under 18 years of age. Limited to a two vote maximum.

All individual members are allowed one vote.

Any student under the age of 18, but not included in a Family Membership. Student members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

Any active member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Active military members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

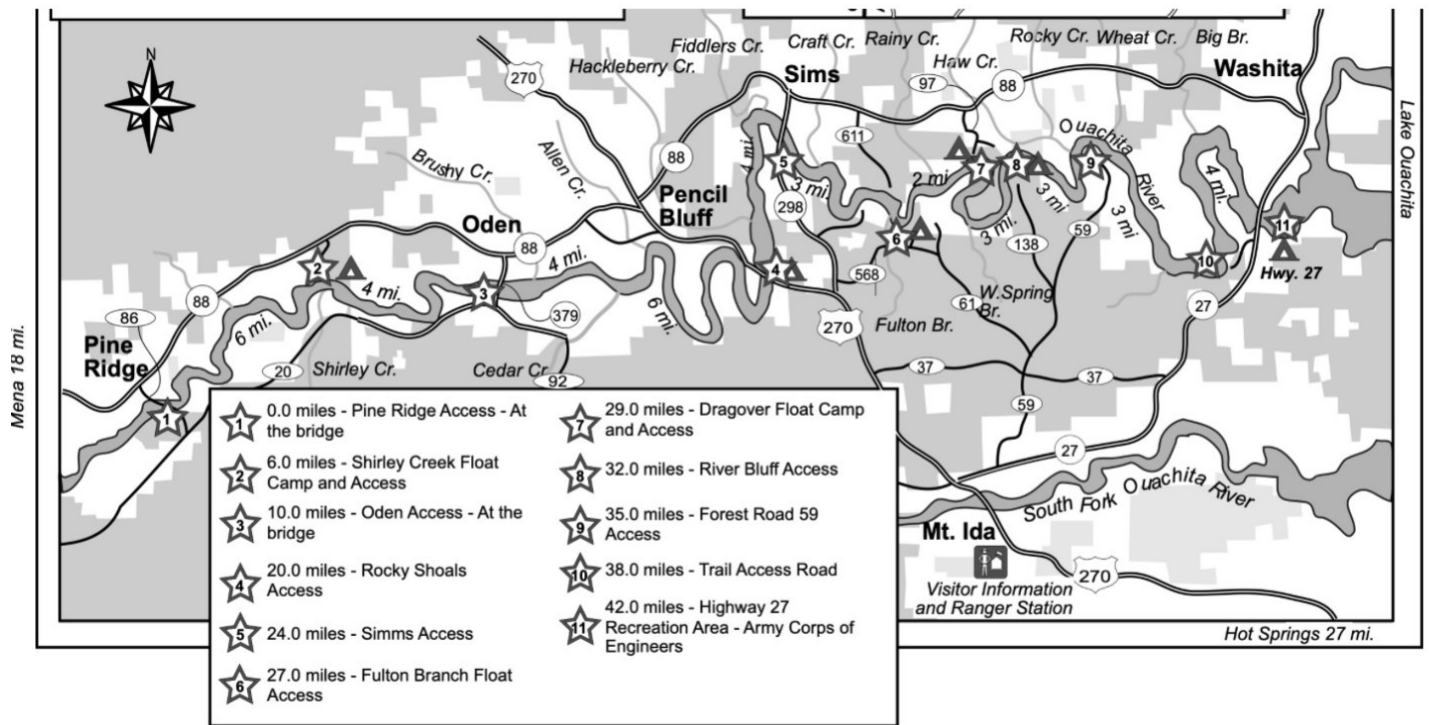
Payment Method: ☐ Cash
☐ Credit Card ☐ Check

NOTE: Dues are payable by the end of January of each calendar year. Make checks payable to North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF). Dues for **new** members joining on or after September 1st shall be valid through the end of the following year (excludes Military and Student). For example, if you join on Sept. 1 2016, your membership would be valid through the end of 2017.

Ouachita River Float:

The hunt for smallmouth...

June 24th



The NLFF is sponsoring a river trip on the upper Ouachita. River guide Scott Letcher will guide us on a 4 to 5 mile stretch of the upper portion of the river. The main target will be smallmouth bass. Bring your kayak, Arkansas fishing license, good water shoes, sun screen, hat, a 4 or 5 weight rod, poppers and other small streamer type flies.

There is still time to sign up for the trip. You must be a member to go on the trip and the insurance form must be signed. Cost is \$25. The fee is non-refundable. It is possible the trip date could be changed due to adverse river conditions. A few days before the trip, Scott Letcher will notify us as to the launch point and the river conditions. So if you pay the \$25 and the trip is moved and you do not go on the new date, the fee is not refunded. The only way the fee is refunded is if the trip is completely cancelled. Sign up at the June 13th meeting. Contact Scott Irwin for information: 318-469-0854.

Special Speaker For July 11th meeting:

Julie Mattson: Head of the U.S Women's Flyfishing team.



I just spoke with Julie Mattson,. When I spoke with her she was guiding fly fishers in Alaska. Julie guides in Alaska, Montana, and in Broken Bow. Julie owns On The Rivers Fly Fishing guide service and is the head of the U.S. Women's fly fishing team.

Bring your friends to hear this special speaker. Also, if you know any women interested in fly fishing, bring them to this meeting. Julie will conduct a casting demonstration at 6 pm followed by her presentation at 6:45 pm on July 11th.